

Grants by Grant Cycle

Grants matching your search for 2012-13 *Illegal Disposal Sites Abatement Grant Program (SWC48)*

San Bernardino County

Grantee: Town of Apple Valley

Amount Awarded: \$12,500.00

Grantee Contact: Mr Jonathan Wood

CalRecycle Grant manager: Alan Zamboanga

Project Summary: The Town of Apple Valley encompasses 78 square miles of developed and open desert land. The Town attempts to remove illegal dumps quickly to alleviate the threat to public health and safety and also to discourage further illegal dumping. The Town supports an aggressive community enhancement program that consists of Code Officers locating illegal dumps, a thorough investigation completed looking for identifying information and rapid removal of the dumped waste. Parcel numbers and exact locations are not provided for the grant as illegal dumps are scattered throughout incorporated Apple Valley.

Apple Valley residents are from a variety of economic backgrounds. They may not have the capability of paying a fee to dispose of their waste and, therefore, may be illegally dumping the waste as a means of disposal. Due to the current economic times the Town attempts to alleviate illegal dumping by offering community enhancement events every month, allowing citizens to dispose of items at no charge. The illegal dumping of waste is beginning to surpass the Town's available financial resources to manage the problem. If funding for the program is not available, illegal dumping and the costs to abate will increase, risking the health and safety of our Town's residents.

Apple Valley's illegal dump cleanup program will include removal, transportation, recycling and disposal of Apple Valley waste where illegal dumping has occurred along public right-of-way and on public property, after a thorough investigation was conducted by a Code Enforcement Officer. The officer would ensure that there is no identifying information that would indicate where the waste was generated from or the individual that dumped the waste. After the investigation is exhausted with no information, the community enhancement crew would be requested to go to the dump site and remove the items in a timely manner, properly disposing of the items in accordance with the program vision.

Apple Valley has an aggressive enforcement process in regards illegal dumping. Individuals that are caught illegally dumping are issued a misdemeanor citation and are required to remove the illegally dumped items, providing documentation that the items were properly disposed of. The Town obtains cost recovery for the time and resources dedicated to the incident. Individuals that are observed dumping by an officer face the same consequences along with their vehicle being towed and stored for thirty days if more than one cubic yard of waste is dumped.

The program is focused on abating the potential environmental hazards that discarded waste pose. Often illegal dumps are located within 1,000 feet of residential homes, schools, commercial or industrial centers, residential areas, airport and electrical transmission lines. Thus, Apple Valley often discovers illegal dump waste to be a potential serious threat to health and safety and the environment. The program focuses on removing and properly disposing waste utilizing efficiency and cost effectiveness to obtain the maximum impact for the environment. The Town is requesting a waiver for cost recovery, because the program focuses on illegal dumps along public right-of-way and on public lands where removing the dump is a public benefit. If the Town discovered a private property that contained waste illegally dumped and all resources were exhausted to rectify the issue with no results. The Town would submit required paperwork to Cal-Recycle requesting permission to utilize grant funds to abate the waste dump. No hazardous waste will be removed or collected by the Community Enhancement Crew for disposal. It is standard practice to refer all hazardous waste to the proper agency for proper removal and disposal.

The Town of Apple valley is requesting reimbursement for a percentage of the salary for the Community Enhancement Officer, when actual time is spent on grant related activities. In addition, the Town is requesting Illegal Cleanup grant funds to offset the disposal cost of approximately 130,000 pounds of waste in a period of one year at the San Bernardino County Waste Landfill in Victorville and equipment consisting of hand tools, safety equipment and other items that would be used to clean up and remove waste from the sites.

Total Awarded for County:\$12,500.00

Grant Count: 1

Grand Total for Selected Counties: \$12,500.00